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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE

YEAR 1867--8.

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JOSEPH CHASE,
JAMES SANBORN.
THOMAS CHASE, Jr.

Superintending School Committee,
RICHARD L. GOVE.*

Auditors,
JOSEPH H. WARE,
DAVID GOVE, Jr.

Collector,
CHARLES S. DOW.

*Appointed by the Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen in account current from March 20th, 1867, to
March 20th, 1868, with the Town of Seabrook,

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To balance brought forward from last year,	\$567 42
Cash received Dow Marsh,	17 00
Common Island,	30 00
Use of Town Hall,	
Literary Fund,	57 00
Savings Bank,	7 36
Railroad Tax,	363 56
County pauper bill,	643 60
Money hired of Newell Locke,	500 00
Charles H. Correy,	554 30
Eben Fowler,	400 00
Joseph S. Lane,	200 00
Moses G. Wilson,	1,000 00
John M. Weare,	546 00
Thomas Chase, Jr., Collector for 1866,	206 74
Charles S. Dow, Collector,	6,569 15
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By Cash for State Tax,	1,843 75
" " County Tax,	667 54
" " Support of Schools (A)	965 86
" " " " Poor, (A)	1,203 41
" " " " County paupers (C)	641 51
" " Roads and Bridges, non-resident highway tax worked out,	73 49
" " Incidental expenses, (E)	521 07
" " Notes and interest (F)	4,773 85
" " Abatement of Taxes, (G)	121 46
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(A)

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid John M. Weare, for District No. 1,	\$73 48
Emery Brown, " " 2,	199 48
William Beckman, " " 3,	199 48
William B. Chase, " " 4,	246 71
Charles S. Dow, " " 5,	246 71
	<hr/> \$965 86

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TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Caroline Beckman, support of her family one year ending March 20, 1868,	\$104 00
Jonathan G. Chase, support of Hannah Smith one year ending March 20, 1868,	404 00
John D. Locke, goods delivered to Lucy Brown, for support of S. L. Brown, 1 yr. ending Mar. 20, '68,	104 00
Sarah Dow, support of Isaiah Dow, Jr., one year ending March 20, 1868,	74 00
Mehitable Eaton, her support 1 yr ending Mar. 50, '68,	52 00
Isaiah Dow, support of Elizabeth Eaton one year ending Mar. 20, 1868,	52 00
Bryant Eaton, goods delivered Rhoda Fowler,	27 32
" " " " Betsey Fowler,	52 00
" " " " William Eaton, Jr.,	18 00
" " " " Isaiah Dow, (clothing)	5 00
" " wood " Betsey Fowler,	3 25
Joseph Marshall, support of Margaret Bean,	12 00
Eben Fowler, wood delivered to Betsey Fowler,	3 50
" " " " Rhoda Fowler,	10 50
" " " " Polly Fowler,	7 00
" " " " Nancy Eaton,	7 00
" " " " Phebe Eaton,	5 75
" " " " Mehitable Eaton,	13 12
" " " " widow Cyrus Fowler,	2 00
Robert C. Beckman, wood delivered Rhoda Fowler,	3 25
" " " " Nancy Eaton,	3 25
" " " " Caroline Beckman,	12 00
" " " " Mehitable Eaton,	5 00
Newell Lock, house rent for Sarah L. Brown,	16 00
Charles Dow, " " " Phebe Eaton,	10 00
Sally Fowler, " " " Rhoda Fowler,	10 00
John F. Felch, wood delivered to Sarah Dow,	9 75
" " " " Nancy Eaton,	4 25
Enoch Chase, " " " Merriam Cilley,	4 50
" " " " Sarah L. Brown,	9 00
Joshua Eaton, " " " Betsey Fowler,	8 00
for support of Mirriam Cilley one year,	99 12
for support of James W. Eaton,	80 00
Newell Brown, wood delivered to Sarah L. Brown,	18 50
" " " " Merriam Cilley,	4 50
Emery Janvrin, " " " " "	2 25
Bryant Eaton, goods delivered to widow Cyrus Fowler, cash to	119 00
" " " " " " "	67 00
John D. Lock, goods delivered to Henry M. Hardy,	3 92
Joshua Eaton, wood " " " "	8 00
Henry S. Brown, " " " " "	2 50
Dr. Jona Dearborn, medical attendance on H. M. Hardy,	11 50
Bryant Eaton, goods to Henry M. Hardy,	35
John Chase, wood delivered to Nancy Eaton,	2 00
David Gove, " " Sarah L. Brown,	4 00
A. A. Locke, goods delivered to William Cilley for the support of Mrs. Almon Eaton, to March 17, 1868,	29 33
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COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid N. H. Asylum for support of H. G. Bagley from Jan. 27, '67 to Nov. 1, '67,	\$192 37
Jos. Wright, support one year ending March 20, 1868,	82 20
Martha Souther, for the support of her family one year ending March 20, 1868,	170 30

Paid John O. Fullford, for the support of John Wright,	30 00
A. A. Locke, for goods delivered for support of James Wright, from Jan. 20, 1867, to Mar. 20, 1868,	78 00
Bryant Eaton, for goods del'd. to Nancy Souther,	8 75
Castina B. Hale, for the support of Thomas Wright,	6 00
A. A. Locke, for clothing for James Wright,	15 77
Eben Fowler, wood del'd. to Martha Souther,	3 50
Eben Fowler, wood del'd. to Joseph Wright,	5 75
Bryant Eaton, wood del'd. to Joseph Wright,	2 50
Dr. C. Dearborn, medical attendance on Mrs. J. Wright,	7 05
Sarah Row, to making clothing for J. Wright,	3 50
Charles A. Smith, for digging a grave and other services for Mrs. Wright,	3 50
Benjamin S. Blake, coffin for Mrs. Wright,	6 00
Newell Brown, one pair socks del'd to J. Wright.	45
Bryant Eaton, for the support of Nancy Wright, from Mar. 24, 1867, to April 7, 1867,	1 50
John Chase, wood delivered to Nancy Souther,	4 00
Transient Paupers,	18 75
Simeon L. Eaton, delivered to Joseph Wright,	1 62
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	\$641 51

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Daniel Bragg, for repairing bridge in highway Dist. No. 9,	5 00
George A. Weare, plank for District No. 9,	23 50
" " " " No. 7,	4 20
Newell Locke, for lumber for bridges,	3 75
Henry S. Brown, for making snow-paths, Mar. 19 & 20, '67,	3 34
Stephen G. Johnson, " " Mar. 20, '67, Dist. 1,	4 40
Albert J. Sanborn, " " Feb. 8, '68, Dist. No. 1,	11 02
Robert Greely, labor on bridge District No. 7,	4 00
John Janvrin, lumber for bridge District No. 9,	2 60
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	\$61 81

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

District No. 1,	\$7 73
" 3,	1 95
" 7,	
" 9,	3 00
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	\$73 49

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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid W. H. Huse & Co., for printing Town Reports for '67,	\$20 00
G. E. Lane, for Inventory Collector, & Survey's books,	5 00
R. L. Gove & J. A. Fogg, Supt. School Committee 1867,	18 00
Jas. Smith, making taxes and recording inven'y for '67,	16 90
Nathan H. Robie, for services as Auctioneer,	2 00
R. L. Gove, services as Town Clerk,	15 00
J. Getchell, for Weights, Measures and Scales,	29 07
Charles S. Dow, collecting taxes,	70 00
Revenue Stamps, and Stationery,	5 50
John Philbrick, making a tax list for school Dist. No. 2,	3 00
James Sanborn, for glass for Town Hall,	1 00
Joseph Dow, heating Town Hall,	3 00
Auditors, for auditing the accounts,	2 00
Joseph Chase, appraising and assessing 7 days,	10 50

to Amesbury Mills to hire money and pay interest on	
notes 5 times,	7 50
to journey to Exeter on business,	2 00
“ “ to settle County pauper bill,	2 00
“ to Newburyport, 2 times,	3 00
to serving as Treasurer,	25 00
to doing Town business,	40 00
James Sanborn, appraising and assessing 3 days,	4 50
car fare to Newburyport,	50
for doing business to Concord,	9 00
journey to Newburyport,	1 00
doing town business,	30 00
Thomas Chase, Jr., appraising and assessing 7 days,	10 50
to record of births and deaths, and militia roll,	3 00
doing town business,	35 00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES BY THE SELECTMEN.

To Thos. Chase, Jr., Geo A. Row, taxes illegally assessed 1866,	\$11 00
Gorham Row, “ “ “ “	18 50
Jacob Souther, his poll tax for 1866,	6 00
Sewell Dow, “ “ “ “	6 00
John E. Brown “ “ “ “	6 00
Benj. E. Gunnison, “ “ “ “	6 00
Caleb P. Jones on his taxes,	2 50
Stephen W. Chase, over-taxed 1867,	4 40
Edward D. Gove, “ 1866,	5 00
Charles S. Dow, John Locke, over-taxed 1867,	8 80
Daniel Merrill, “ “	1 16
Hiram Beckman, “ “	4 40
Charles Hastings, “ “	36
Wells H. Eaton, “ “	88
Edward D. Dow, poll tax illegally assessed,	5 28
John Coben, “ “ “	5 28
Merriam Morrill, tax “ “	3 14
Joseph Dow, “ “ “	5 28
Daniel Walton, “ “ “	5 28
Edward A. Chapolin, tax “ “	5 64
John F. Fowler, “ “ “	5 28
	<hr/> \$121 46

Whole amount of Receipts,	\$1,1662 13
Whole amount of Expenditures,	10,813 94
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Balance in the Treasury,	\$848 19

We the subscribers have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending March 20, 1868, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in the Treasury of \$848.19.

JOSEPH. H. WEARE,
DAVID GOVE.

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NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Thomas J. Clark, Savings Bank interest,	\$532 00
" " " on his note and interest,	366 00
Abel Morrill, five years interest on his note of \$200,	74 00
E. L. Fullington, interest,	73 00
John Philbrick, notes and interest,	321 84
Wm. Beckman, " " "	349 27
David Beckman " " "	449 53
Steph. W. Chase, " " "	141 05
Stephen Osgood, interest,	73 00
Benj. Morrill, Jr. " "	73 00
Almira Morrill, " "	21 00
John Morrill, Jr., " "	132 42
David Boyd, " "	28 00
Josiah Gove, " "	18 00
John Chase, " "	48 00
Sarah E. Leavitt, " "	146 00
Moses True, " "	35 00
Moses G. Wilson, note and interest,	536 50
Edward D. Eaton, note and interest of H. F. Eaton,	143 56
Abel Eaton, on his note,	136 00
Abram Dow, " "	49 00
Nancy W. Eaton, on her note,	30 00
John Janvrin, his note and interest,	43 26
William T. Osgood, on his note,	140 00
Elijah Knox, " "	110 00
Charles R. Gove, " "	15 00
Jonathan Walton, Jr., " "	18 00
Stephen B. Chase, one year interest,	60 00
Elihu Dow, " " "	21 00
Thomas Boyd, " " "	21 00
Jonathan Dearborn, " " "	6 05
David Chase, Jr., " " "	53 17
Jonathan Walton, Jr., his note,	300 00
Interest on money hired within the year,	22 20
James Sanborn, interest on his notes,	188 00
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	\$4,773 85

TOWN DEBT.

Dates of Notes.	To whom given.	Amount.	Rate pr. ct.	From what date int. is due
1862. Mar. 4,	David Chase, Jr.,	\$586 30	6	Mar. 2, 1868.
April 8,	Joshua Janvrin,	337 08	6	
Oct. 14,	David Chase,	1,516 86	6	
Oct. 15,	Abel Morrill,	1,399 63	6 & 7	
Oct. 15,	Abel Morrill,	200 00	7	Oct. 15, 1867.
	Joseph P. Jones,	269 24	6	
1863. Oct. 7,	Elizabeth Fullenton,	1,000 00	7 3-10	Oct. 7, 1867.
Dec. 24,	John Chase,	500 00	6	Dec. 24, 1867.
1864. Jan. 15,	Ames. & Salis. Savings Bank,	4,000 00	6	Jan. 15, 1868.
May. 2,	Abel Eaton,	124 72		
Aug. 2,	John Chase,	300 00	6	Aug. 2, 1867.
Aug. 5,	David Chase, Jr.,	300 00	6	Aug. 5, 1867.
Aug. 23,	Abram Dow,	117 42	6	
Sept. 8,	Elijah Knox,	285 38	6	
1865. June 12,	Nancy Morrill,	150 00	7 3-10	June 12, 1867.
June 12,	Almira Morrill,	150 00	7 3-10	June 12, 1867.
Sept. 2,	Elihu Dow,	300 00	7	Sept. 2, 1867.
Oct. 7,	David Boyd,	300 00	7	Oct. 7, 1867.
Oct. 9,	William T. Osgood,	131 36	6	
Oct. 8,	Thomas Boyd,	300 00	7	Oct. 8, 1867.
Oct. 15,	Stephen Osgood,	1,000 00	7 3-10	Oct. 15, 1867.
Oct. 18,	Moses True,	500 00	7 3-10	Oct. 18, 1867.
Nov. 8,	Jos. S. Lane,	340 26	7	
Dec. 1,	Moses Eaton,	2,518 78	7	
1866. Jan. 12,	Nancy W. Eaton,	196 84	6	
Jan. 23,	Benjamin Morrill, Jr.,	1,000 00	7 3-10	Jan. 23, 1868.
Mar. 1,	Charles R. Gove,	105 84		
Mar. 8,	Mary W. Morrill,	150 00	7 3-10	Mar. 8, 1867.
Mar. 8,	Sarah E. Morrill,	150 00	7 3-10	Mar. 8, 1867.
Mar. 8,	John Morrill, jr.	1,000 00	7 3-19	Mar. 8, 1867.
Mar. 8,	Edmund Morrill,	334 70	7 3-13	Mar. 8, 1867.
July 9,	Sarah E. Leavitt,	2,000 00	7 3-10	July 9, 1867.
Oct. 4,	Ames. & Salis. Savings Bank,	4,000 00	7 3-10	Oct. 4, 1867.
Dec. 10,	Daniel Merrill,	1,073 00	7 3-10	
1867. May 6,	Newell Locke,	524 67	6	
Aug. 13,	Charles H. Corey,	1,100 00	7 3-10	
Dec. 2,	George F. Eaton,	820 73	7 3-10	
Dec. 5,	Josiah Gove,	305 25	7 3-10	
Dec. 27,	Eben Fowler,	400 00	7 3-10	
1868. Jan. 13,	Jos. S. Lane,	200 00	6	
Jan. 15,	Moses G. Wilson,	1,000 00	7 3-10	
Jan. 31,	Joshua Eaton,	112 36	7 3-10	
	John Locke,	359 34	6	
	James Smith,	339 34	6	
Feb. 28,	Jonathan Dearborn,	100 00		
Feb. 9,	Stephen B. Chase,	1,000 00	6	
	James Sanborn,	1,500 00	6	
	James Sanborn,	1,346 54	7 3-10	
	Thomas Lane, Jr.,	1,070 00	7	
	John M. Weare,	546 00	7	

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Wherever the Selectmen have been unable to give dates in the above schedule, they have estimated to the best of their ability, the amounts due from town in each case to March 2, 1868.

Cr. By Amount of Property owned by the Town.

Common Island,	\$400 00	
Dow Marsh,	150 00	
Due from County,	79 37	
A. Felch and J Beckman,	11 40	
Newell Dow,	17 62	
Charles S. Dow, Collector,	1,267 53	
Money in the Treasury,	848 19	
Due from Thomas Chase, Jr., Collector 1866,	338 63	
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The amount of Debts,	\$37 341 64	
The amount of money due the town,	3,112 74	
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Balance against the town,		\$34,228 90

JOSEPH CHASE,
JAMES SANBORN, { Selectmen
THOMAS CHASE, JR, { of
Seabrook.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee submit the following Report :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOHN M. WEARE, Prudential Committee. C. AUGUSTUS PERKINS, Teacher.

This district has but one term a year ; and as Miss Perkins has been teacher for the two years just ended, the term lately closed may with propriety be called a continuation of her last year's labor. Under her instruction the school, though small, has become interesting, and has made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

EMORY BROWN, Prudential Committee. H. MARIA DOW, Teacher.

This school was divided into terms, with a separate register for each ; but for convenience of arrangement in the table, one average has been made for Summer and Fall. Although Miss Dow had in the Winter larger scholars to control, the order of the school appeared to improve gradually and steadily to the end.

DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

WILLIAM BECKMAN, Prudential Committee. C. AUGUSTA PERKINS, Teacher of Summer Term ; A. J. SANBORN, Teacher of Winter Term.

This school, though not so large as the remaining two, is rather difficult to keep in good order. This may be owing, in part, to its having a larger share of small scholars. No blame belongs to the teachers for outside influences they cannot control. Miss Perkins succeeded well in the summer and kept a good school, although it required much more care and labor than that which she had been teaching in District No. 1. Under the efficient management of Mr. Sanborn, who has taught several times in this District before, it was closed for the year.

DISTRICT NO. 4,

WM. B. CHASE, Prudential Committee. MRS. MARGARET R. MOODY, Teacher of Summer Term. JOHN L. CILLEY, Teacher of Winter Term.

Among the scholars were a few by whom the executive abilities of Mrs. Moody were well tested and proved. She was also annoyed once during the Summer by the interference of a parent, while trying to enforce the proper discipline of the school. These things, though discouraging to any teacher, did not prevent her from keeping a school that gave good satisfaction to your Committee.

The Winter Term was closed before a second visit was made; but as Mr. Cilley is an experienced teacher, and has taught three times in the District before this, we have reason to believe the time well spent by teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

CHARLES S. DOW, Prudential Committee. LIZZIE S. ELKINS, Teacher of Summer Term. JOSEPH M. EATON, Teacher of Winter Term.

Miss Elkins was the only teacher who had not taught in this town before. On visiting, found the classes well arranged, and the general appearance indicating a successfully conducted school. As a sufficient guarantee of the profit of the Winter School, nothing more need be noticed than the fact that Mr. Eaton has given satisfaction in this District several times before.

In this brief report of the several Districts, it may be noticed that nothing has been said of the recitations, and very little of the order. With the recitations we have no fault to find. In nearly every District may be found a few scholars naturally dull, while such as were disposed to indolence, we believe, were in most instances brought to the proper mark by the exertions of the teachers. To give a correct report of the order, and at the same time to do justice to the teachers, it is necessary to take into account the training that most of the scholars receive at home. It needs no private acquaintance with individual families to know that a large majority of parents exert over their children no controlling influence in regard to their general conduct at school, or to the respect and obedience they owe the teacher. Ought we to expect schools with good order when scholars are not taught at home that they must be obedient in school? We may have the best teachers that natural abilities and experience can make, but until parents will learn and do their duties, our schools will fail in many important respects, and will be no credit to the town. What is learned by the different studies is profitable, but is by no means all that should be learned. Most of our schools are in a condition where no manners, self respect, or any moral or religious influences can be brought to bear on the scholars with any lasting impression. We repeat, the teachers, whatever their qualifications, cannot help it. The fault belongs to parents and citizens—those who are alone responsible for the character of the town and its schools.

For the purpose of encouraging those who kept a punctual attendance during a whole term, their names are given. The only instance given is for the Winter Term of District No. 3:—Lucy A. Dow, Adelaide A. Rowe, William E. Rowe,

and Charles F. Rowe. These were not absent one half day through the term.

In conclusion we will briefly call the attention of those interested, to the following points. Tardiness and dismissals have become so common as to make it almost impossible for the teachers to keep a record of them. These faults can be remedied best by parents. More visits ought to be made to the schools. The reasons need not be mentioned here; every reflecting person ought to know them. If parents do not have enough interest to give a little personal attention to the welfare of the schools where their children are sent to acquire what little education many of them will probably ever receive, they ought not to find fault if the teachers and superintending committee should disregard their duties and look forward to nothing but the wages they are to receive when their respective terms of service shall have ended.

	District 1	District 2		District 3		District 4		District 5	
	One Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.
Wages of Teacher per month....	\$20	\$23½	\$23½	\$20	\$36	\$25	\$40	\$25	\$38
No. of weeks of school.....	12	20	11	14	12	12	14	16	11
Whole number of scholars.....	15	48	49	82	70	85	85	78	75
Average attendance,.....	01	33.6	38.5	64	50	67	56½	46	45
No. scholars not absent one half day	1	3	1	2	4	4	2	1	1*
No. instances of tardiness.....		100	34			361	544	624	558
No. of visits by citizens.....	0	5	3	4	0	5	3	5	2

*Nancy A. Beckman.

R. L. GOVE, Supt. School Committee.

Seabrook, Mar. 6, 1868.

**Selectmen of Seabrook, in account with School District No. 2,
in said Town for the year 1867.**

By cash received of Charles S. Dow, Collector of said District, the whole amount committed to him for collection,	\$150 00
Paid Emery Brown and Jeremiah F. Locke, Committee on re- pairs in District No. 2,	\$150 00

